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Sen. Toy announces grants awarded to Oakland Community College to benefit Livonia and Redford businesses

LANSING — Oakland Community College will receive \$100,000 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to train workers at 11 small companies, Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, announced today.

Two of the businesses involved in the Economic Development Job Training program are located in the sixth Senate District.

General Fasteners of Livonia will receive \$11,274 to train 120 workers, while Booms Stone Company of Redford will receive \$10,394 to train 48 workers.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to bring more highly trained, skilled workers into the workforce,” Toy said. “Recently the manufacturing industry has been hit hard economically. My colleagues and I are dedicated to helping the manufacturing sector stabilize – these funds will help Michigan remain competitive.”

The EDJT program seeks to ensure that Michigan has the training resources to retain and attract smart businesses and people. The Legislature has appropriated \$10 million to the MEDC for the administration of the 2004 EDJT program.

As part of the Manufacturing Competitiveness Program, businesses receiving training funds are required to provide a minimum match of 30 percent. Matching funds are \$23,286 for General Fasteners and \$18,390 for Booms Stone Company.

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